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TEAR GAS AGENT REVEALS SALES TO LARGE FIRMS

Steel and Rubber Regions
Largest Purchasers of
Equipment in Prepara-
tion for Labor Outbreaks

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Large sales of tear gas to industrialists in nearly every state were revealed today by a senate committee investigating alleged civil liberties violations in labor disputes.

Testimony that his firm had sold almost \$500,000 worth of gas and equipment to corporations and individuals between 1932 and 1934 was given by A. S. Allen, vice president of the Lake Erie Chemical company, one of the nation's three gas manufacturers.

A "gas map" of the United States, showing concentrated sales in industrial districts, was spread against the marble walls of the hearing room by investigators for the LaFollette committee.

Steel, Rubber Firms Buy
Largest purchases of the gas, commonly used in strike breaking, were shown in the steel and rubber regions of eastern Ohio, industrial districts of New York and in Louisiana and California, scene of longshoremen's strikes.

Explosive grenades, which might cause "severe injury" to any person within 15 feet, were sold with a warning that they should not be thrown, into crowds unless "drastic treatment" was desired, Allen said.

P. E. McGuffin of Youngstown, Ohio, president of the National Corporation Service—a company identified yesterday as a labor espionage agency—told the committee he received a \$373 commission for introducing a tear gas salesman to a customer in Terre Haute, Ind.

Earlier, he added, he had helped sell gas to the New Orleans Public Service company, but did not make a practice of such activity.

Agents Kept Posted
Allen told the committee his company had made a practice of keeping agents in various parts of the country posted on strike developments in labor troubles. Chairman LaFollette (Pro. Wis.) introduced several letters exchanged between Allen and the company's salesman.

One letter, which was entered into the records, was from Herick Foote, salesman at New Haven, Conn. "I wish a hell of a strike would get under way," Foote said in his letter to Allen. "I am in a position to do a lot of business if trouble develops."

Allen told the committee that products of his company were demonstrated in Pittsburgh last July. Some of the companies which sent officials to watch the demonstration were listed by Allen as the Pennsylvania railroad, Jones and Laughlin Steel, Carnegie Steel, Erie railroad, and Westinghouse Electric.

A letter written June 6 to Eugene Allen by his brother, A. S. Allen, told of the demonstration and said preparations were being made "in the pending trouble between the unions and the steel companies."

Baker Editor



BERNARD MAINWARING

Bernard Mainwaring, editor of the Baker Democrat-Herald, was born in Wisconsin February 31, 1897, and came to Oregon in 1912, graduating from the state university. Editor of the Baker paper since 1923, he formerly was with newspapers at Hermiston, Milton, Tillamook and McMinnville.

S. F. HOUSEWIVES STOCK LARDERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Sept. 25.—(AP)—For the past month San Francisco housewives have prepared for a food shortage which might result from a tie-up of shipping after September 30, should the maritime unions and shipowners fail to reach an agreement.

Twenty-seven retail grocers, in all sections of the city reported an unusually heavy sale of canned goods and staples during the past three weeks. They said their customers have come prepared to buy large quantities, often discussing the waterfront situation while making their selection.

A number of grocers said their customers were buying, not only because of possible shortage, but because of the fear that the shortage will cause a serious rise in prices.

Pear Market Yesterday

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(AP-USA)—Pear auctions: 14 cars arrived; 8 California, 11 Oregon unloaded; 16 on track; market slightly stronger. Oregon Bartlett, 320 boxes extra fancy \$2.20@2.95, average \$2.67; 2-192 boxes fancy \$2.10@2.88, average \$2.68; 292 boxes fancy or better \$2.25@2.50, average \$2.75; Flemish, 720 boxes extra fancy \$1.85@2.00, average \$1.96.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—(AP-USA)—Pear auctions: 3 cars California, 2 Oregon, 3 Washington arrived; 19 on track, 6 sold. California Bartlett, 1464 boxes \$2.45@3.00, average \$2.67; 162 special boxes, \$2.05; 504 special boxes, \$2.25. Oregon Bartlett, 393 boxes extra fancy, \$2.20@2.50, average \$2.28; 1047 boxes fancy, \$2.15@2.45, average \$2.31. Washington Bartlett, 72 boxes fancy, \$1.60@1.70, average \$1.67.

SENATOR CLIFF TITUS REPUBLICAN SPEAKER HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

Jackson County Republicans have been summoned to meet at the high school auditorium tonight to hear



Senator Cliff Titus

State Senator Cliff Titus of Joplin, Mo., outline the issues of the campaign and launch the Republican volunteer movement of this county. Senator Titus comes to Medford after a series of meetings in upstate counties where he has had unusual success in launching this program.

REPUBLICAN RALLY

Local and State
Leaders will launch
the

REPUBLICAN
VOLUNTEER
PROGRAM

TONIGHT MEDFORD High School Auditorium

Hear State Senator Cliff Titus
of Joplin, Missouri outline the
Republican program

Meeting Opens 8 p. m.

Paid ad.-Republican State Committee
Lars Bladine, Secy.

The senator is an active force in the commercial and educational life of Missouri. He is president of Joplin Chamber of Commerce, a member of his local board of education, major in the National Guard, a leader in the American Legion and president of the Community Church Workers of the United States. The Jackson County Republican Central committee's local chapter Pro-America and the Jackson County Republican club are uniting in sponsoring the Republican volunteer movement here.

Tonight's meeting will start at 8:00 o'clock.

Table Rock

TABLE ROCK, Sept. 25.—(Sp.)—Pear picking with the exception of Winter Nels has been completed here. The first frost of the season "cracked down" Monday morning on tomato vines, string beans and other late garden plants.

The Brennerhols family recently from Washington, are now fully settled on the Bradshaw farm which they purchased some weeks ago. Wm. Bishop left last week for Lake Umbagog near Salem where he is assisting his father with the onion harvest.

Mr. Hawkey is on a pleasure and business trip to Los Angeles, and will return Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marsh have returned to their home in Los Angeles after a month's visit with relatives and friends here.

Among improvements recently made at the local school grounds are two new outdoor toilets constructed from government plans by W. P. A. workers.

Silo filling is in full swing here and will be completed by the end of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Chase are at present visiting and transacting business in the New England states.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Briggs returned the first of the week from attending state fair and visiting relatives in the Willamette valley.

Mr. and Mrs. John McBride have returned from their two weeks annual vacation.

C. J. Foster of Bandon is visiting relatives at the Briggs and Russell homes this week.

A large number of blue ribbons were awarded to Table Rock exhibitors at the Gold Hill fair last week.

The county road crew has finished preparing the road bed in the west

side of the district for grading, which it is claimed will be done early next year.

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